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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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**H-5194 and H-5081 HAVE BEEN POSTPONED AT SPONSOR'S REQUEST**

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 9, 2021

**TIME:** 6:00 PM

**PLACE:** House Lounge - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [5077](#)**

**BY McNamara**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS WITH TERMINAL ILLNESS -- THE NEIL FACHON TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS' RIGHT TO TRY ACT OF 2021 {LC160/1} (Creates the "Neil Fachon Terminally Ill Patients' Right To Try Act of 2021," which establishes the conditions for the use of experimental treatments for terminally ill patients.)

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

01/29/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

01/29/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/02/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

02/05/2021 Scheduled for consideration

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [5041](#)**

**BY Corvese**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS {LC644/1} (Requires drug manufacturers to establish fund and manage state approved drug take back programs, free of charge to the consumer and pharmacy.)

01/21/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5066](#)**

**BY McNamara**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH {LC190/1} (Increases the membership of the governor's council on behavioral health from thirty-one (31) to thirty-two (32) members by adding the president of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island or a designee.)

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

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02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5072](#)**

**BY McNamara**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCESSIBLE RESIDENCE MODIFICATIONS {LC184/1} (Allows health insurance plans to provide coverage for accessible residence modifications determined to be medically necessary.)

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**~~House Bill No. [5081](#)~~**

**~~BY McNamara~~**

~~**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ESTABLISHING THE RHODE ISLAND RARE DISEASE MEDICATION ACCESSIBILITY, AFFORDABILITY, AND REINSURANCE ACT {LC159/1} (Provides for establishment of the rare disease medication reinsurance program to be funded by insurer contributions that would be administered by the secretary of health and human services based on recommendations from a 15 member advisory council.)~~

~~01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.~~

~~02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services~~

~~02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

**House Bill No. [5151](#)**

**BY Morales, McGaw, Alzate, Ackerman, McNamara**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- RHODE ISLAND FOOD, DRUGS, AND COSMETICS ACT {LC246/1} (Limits insured persons insulin costs to \$25 per month.)

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5196](#)**

(by request)

**BY Kennedy, Azzinaro, Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS {LC335/1} (Limits health insurance carriers that provide coverage for prescription insulin drugs used to treat diabetes to fifty (\$50) dollars for a copayment for a thirty (30) day supply of medically necessary insulin.)

01/27/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

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02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5251](#)**

**BY Diaz, Slater, McLaughlin, Craven, Casey, Felix, Biah, Ajello, Fogarty, Kislak**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTIONS {LC966/1} (Limits health insurance carriers that provide coverage for prescription insulin drugs used to treat diabetes to fifty (\$50) dollars copayment for a thirty (30) day supply of medically necessary insulin.)

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5154](#)**

**BY Bennett**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE HEALING ART OF ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE {LC95/1} (Changes title of chapter 37.2 of title 5 and throughout, replacing the words "Oriental medicine" with "Chinese medicine". Allows individuals who are otherwise certified, to practice acupuncture & Chinese medicine using Chinese medical diagnostic methods.)

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5189](#)**

**BY McEntee, Caldwell, Donovan, O'Brien**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES {LC650/1} (Amends the definition of the practice of pharmacy to include the authority to prescribe drugs and devices. The act also provides the conditions for which a pharmacist may prescribe an indicated drug or device.)

01/27/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5191](#)**

**BY Serpa, Bennett, Phillips, Casey**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE {LC785/1} (Prohibits the board of medical licensure and discipline from requiring specialty board certification as a condition of licensure.)

01/27/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5192](#)**

**BY Bennett, Blazejewski**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PHYSICAL THERAPY COPAY

{LC135/1} (Limits copays, coinsurance or office deductible for services of a physical therapist to the amount authorized for the services of a primary care physician or osteopath.)

01/27/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**~~House Bill No. [5194](#)~~**

**~~BY Kennedy, Abney, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Diaz~~**

**~~ENTITLED~~**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSE

~~LICENSURE COMPACT {LC375/1} (Amends the interstate nurse licensure compact and adopts an enhanced, more comprehensive version of the compact, allowing nurses to hold a multi-state license which would allow them to practice across state lines without having to obtain multiple licenses)~~

~~01/27/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.~~

~~02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services~~

~~02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

**House Bill No. [5198](#)**

**BY Bennett**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICAL

THERAPISTS {LC111/1} (Includes in the practice of physical therapy the ordering of diagnostic imaging (x-ray imaging) to be performed by other health care professionals.)

01/27/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5240](#)**

**BY Diaz, McNamara, Slater, Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, Cassar, Alzate, Felix, Biah, Ajello**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHARMACIES

{LC944/1} (Increases the state board of pharmacy from nine (9) to eleven (11) members by adding two (2) pharmacy technicians.)

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5241](#)**

**BY Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Ajello, Noret, Kazarian, Ackerman, Ruggiero**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES

{LC790/1} (Authorizes a pharmacist to prescribe and dispense hormonal contraceptive patches and self-administered oral hormonal contraceptives, provided that the pharmacist has completed a training program approved by the state board of pharmacy.)

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5242](#)**

**BY Edwards, Caldwell**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OPIOID ALTERNATIVES {LC724/1} (DOH to develop and publish opioid alternative pamphlet.)

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5245](#)**

**BY Edwards, Caldwell, Kazarian, Slater**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - HARM REDUCTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM {LC715/1} (Creates pilot program to establish harm reduction centers where use of pre-obtained controlled substances may occur under supervision of health care professionals)

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5246](#)**

**BY Diaz, McNamara, Slater, Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, McLaughlin, Biah, Tobon**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT {LC945/1} (Provides that any law or regulation which protects a person from exposure to second hand smoke would also provide protection from exposure to second-hand marijuana smoke, regardless of how the smoke was generated.)

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5247](#)**

**BY Amore, Kazarian**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT {LC175/1} (Excludes chronic intractable pain from the definition of acute pain management. Prescribes new guidelines for treatment based upon 2016 CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain.)

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Resolution No. [5248](#)**

**BY Serpa**

**ENTITLED,** HOUSE RESOLUTION REINSTATING THE LIFE OF AND EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION TO EXAMINE AND RECOMMEND GUIDELINES FOR STEP THERAPY PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROTOCOLS {LC1155/1} (Reinstates the life, and extends the reporting and expiration dates of the Commission to Examine and Recommend Guidelines for Step Therapy Prescription Drug Protocols from April 28, 2020 to April 6, 2021, and expires on June 6, 2021.)

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5272](#)**

**BY Diaz, Perez, Williams, Cassar, McLaughlin, Biah, Morales**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --**

**PSYCHOLOGISTS {LC1011/1} (Includes licensed school psychologists under the provisions of the general laws governing the regulations of psychologists.)**

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/05/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**The State House remains closed to in-person testimony.**

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<http://www.rilegislature.gov/Special/comdoc/Pages/HHHS.aspx>.

We are taking public testimony two different ways:

Written testimony is encouraged and should be submitted to [lcataldi@rilegislature.gov](mailto:lcataldi@rilegislature.gov)

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Bill # you are testifying on.

For/Against

Your Name and Phone number (to be reached for your testimony)

Affiliation: (if any)

**\*Deadline to request verbal testimony is Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 11 a.m.**

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